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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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Re: **Continuation of PCT/JP02/04350**
Application of Taichi KOBAYASHI, Masayuki MATSUZAKI, Masato
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NEAR-INFRARED ABSORPTION FILM
Assignee: BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION
Our Ref: Q78246

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising (40) sheets of the specification, including the claims, abstract and (4) sheets of drawings. **The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.** Also enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment and an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

The present application is being filed as a Continuation Application, under 35 U.S.C. § 111 (a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53, of International Application PCT/JP02/04350, filed May 1, 2002, in accordance with the procedures outlined in Sections 1895 et seq. of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure.

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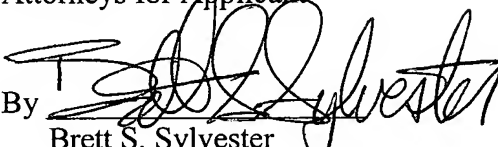
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The priority documents will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

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